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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, kindly amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT TO DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following amended paragraph.

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*a'* This application includes disclosure contained in Application No. 09/476,468, filed December 30, 1999, entitled *Band-by-Band Full Duplex Communication*, assigned to the assignee of this invention, and now U.S. Patent \_\_\_\_\_. The entire contents of the earlier application is incorporated herein by reference.

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